

# Managing Director Of Early Childhood Education

YM&YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood

New York, NY

Program Director

Full-time

Onsite

\$115,000 - \$130,000 a year

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## Organization Statement

Established in 1917, the YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood (the "Y") is a not-for-profit Jewish Community Center that welcomes people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We offer a wide range of educational, recreational, and social service programs to enhance the quality of life of the people we serve. From top-notch early childhood education and youth development programs to innovative senior center services, there's always something for everyone at the Y!

## Job Description

The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood seeks a visionary educator to become the Director of Early Childhood Education who will build upon our high quality and success. The Director will possess creativity, energy, passion, and strong management skills to actively promote a comfortable and nurturing environment where every child, teacher, and family is treated with dignity and respect in a friendly, personalized manner. The Director is responsible for programs that include the nursery school and New York City-funded pre-K.3, which adheres to the city's curriculum requirements and guidelines.

Our Early Childhood Programs provide developmentally appropriate opportunities for children to socialize and learn together. Our primary objective is to foster each child's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. Our child-centered curriculum is built upon observing and understanding each child's skill and interest level and basing the curriculum on those observations. We encourage curiosity and enthusiasm through exploration and discovery. Our nurturing atmosphere allows for developing self-confidence, self-respect, and concern for others. Additionally, through play, children learn the values of friendship, honesty, sharing responsibility, and cooperation. We strive to prepare children with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter

their next stage of development and education with confidence and enthusiasm for learning. As part of our commitment to Jewish life, we infuse our program with the essence of Jewish heritage. We embrace the diversity of traditions, stories, and celebrations, fostering a deep connection to identity and culture. Through experiential learning, we aim to kindle a love for Jewish values, history, and rituals that will accompany these young learners on their journey forward.

## Responsibilities

You can download information about the successful candidate's responsibilities by clicking [here](#).

## Qualifications

The following qualifications must be met for the candidate to be successful in the role:

- M.A. in Early Childhood Education and a State Department of Education teacher certification in Early Childhood Education (B-2) or (N, K, Grades 1-6).
- Minimum of two years of teaching experience (additional years preferred) in an Early Childhood Program and five years of supervisory experience in a comparable setting.
- Complies with all Agency, State, City, and Federal regulations for a person working in an Early Childhood setting.
- Highly knowledgeable in working with Google Suite and New York City Department of Education computer systems
- RTE certification preferred
- **Minimum Education Level:** NYS Teacher Certification
- **Preferred Education Level:** Master's Degree

## Application Instructions

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Scott Taylor at [staylor@ywhi.org](mailto:staylor@ywhi.org). Inquiries can be made by calling 646-738-6095.